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SUBJ: PNG AND TAIWANESE FISHING VESSELS

REF: A. TAIPEI 3618; B. PORT MORESBY 556

1. ONE OF THE STRANDED TAIWANESE FISHING VESSELS HAS BEEN TOWED TO PORT MORESBY FROM MARON ISLAND AND MORE INFORMATION IS NOW AVAILABLE. VESSEL IS CHIU FU NO. 3 AND SHIP'S REGISTRATION PAPERS SHOW A REGISTRATION NUMBER OF 2123 RPT 2123 AND REGISTRATION DATE (CHINESE YEAR OF AUGUST 9, 1963. THE PORT OF REGISTRY IS KAOSHUNG AND THE OWNER IS LAN TIN FOO. FIRM NAME IS CHANG FOONG AND OFFICIALS IN DFRT WERE GIVEN TAIPEI TELEPHONE NUMBER OF 564-522.

2. THE CHIU FU NO. 3 WAS TOED INTO HARBOR AT PORT MORESBY JULY 11. IT HAS A CRACK IN THE MAIN SHAFT WHICH WILL COST SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS TO REPAIR. CHIU FU NO. 3 HAS 24 TAIWANESE CREW MEMBERS PLUS 11 OTHERS FROM TWO OTHER SHIPS STRANDED ON MARON ISLANDS. THE CHIU FU WAS HEADING FOR FIJI WHEN IT STRUCK ENGINE TROUBLE. THE CAPTAIN HAS NO MONEY FOR REPAIRS OR FOOD.

3. ACCORDING TO FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE TO DFRT, THE HON CHIN NO. 2 WAS SUNK OFF MARON ISLANDS AND
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THE DEN CHI CHUN NO. 17 IS ON A REEF AND PROBABLY

UNREPAIRABLE.

4. ACCORDING TO DFRT THE CAPTAIN OF THE HON CHIN NO. 2 HAS ABOUT US\$900 AND WANTS HIMSELF AND ONE OTHER TO FLY HOME TO ORGANIZE SOME ASSISTANCE. THERE ARE 19 OTHER TAIWANESE STILL ON MORAN ISLANDS WHO HAVE RATIONS FOR ABOUT FORTY DAYS.

5. THE FISHING VESSELS ARE ALL QUITE SMALL AND EVIDENTALLY NONE HAVE REGISTRY NUMBERS ON THEIR BOWS. IT SEEMS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE TAIWANESE. DFRT IS TRYING TO CONTACT OWNERS DIRECTLY, BUT WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO PASS THIS INFO ON TO TAIWANESE AUTHORITIES.

6. WE WILL FURNISH YOU WITH ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS THEY ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO US.
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